

**** Attention Cattle Owners ****

Inspection of Cattle w/o Self-Inspection

Q: Who can conduct brand inspections?

A: After June 10, 2010, inspections must be conducted by a WSDA Brand Inspector or Certified Veterinarian. To locate an inspector in your area, please visit our website or call the Olympia office for assistance.

Q: What about using a self-inspection certificate?

A: A recent legislative change within the livestock brand inspection laws eliminated the ability to provide self-inspection and can no longer be used when selling cattle after June 10, 2010.

Q: What if an Inspector isn't available when I want to sell one or two head off my farm or ranch?

A: During busy times of the year, inspection staff may not be able to conduct an inspection on the day the cattle are set to move. If this occurs and the cattle will NOT be moved out of state, you may ship them to the buyer's location using a Certificate of Permit (haul slip) along with a bill of sale (do not issue a bill of sale if the cattle have not been paid for). Once moved, the seller has fifteen (15) days to contact a WSDA Brand Inspector to schedule and present the animals for inspection. Time and mileage fees will be waived for all private treaty transactions of ten (10) head or less of cattle (provided the cattle bear the recorded brand of the seller). Instead, standard inspection fees will apply.

Q: I often sell steers to 4-H and FFA students and have used self-inspection in the past. What do I do now?

A: With the elimination of self-inspection, WSDA has established a policy by which 4-H and FFA terminal steers may be sold to the student on a bill of sale. WSDA will then inspect the steer when it's consigned to the local fair or junior livestock show. If this occurs, the seller will not be penalized for not meeting the fifteen (15) day inspection requirement. Time and mileage fees will be waived for all special sales of 4-H, FFA, and youth shows. Instead, standard inspection fees will apply.

Q: I purchased several of these self-inspection certificates in the past but have never used them. Will I be able to get my money back if they are no longer accepted?

A: Yes. WSDA will refund the full purchase price for all unused certificates. To obtain a refund, please contact the Olympia office or your local WSDA Brand Inspector. **Refund requests must be received by June 30, 2010 to be considered and both copies of the certificate (white and yellow) must be submitted.**

Contact Information:

Olympia Office: (360) 902-1855

Local WSDA Brand Inspector: <http://agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/Livestock/>